

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE-MARAK
St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

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The Sacraments

Baptism: Saturday after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St Joseph, Cyclone or Sts Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 36

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see [Proverbs 24:6](#); [Leviticus 16](#)). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see [Luke 6:36](#); [Matthew 5:48](#)). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see [Revelation 5:9](#)). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us. This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see [Romans 14:10, 12](#)). So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.



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Bulletin deadline: Please call or send by email all info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

MINISTRIES

Saturday, September 19

Communion: Katherine Pechal
Lector : Kenneth Pechal
Altar Servers: Cook & Carpenter Families
Ushers: Volunteers

Sunday, September 20

Communion: Ricky Brenek
Lector: REP Teachers
Altar Servers: Andel & Sifuentes Families
Ushers: REP

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

9/13 Sunday 8:15 am: + Rosa Pechal by Daniel & Lindsay Gibson
9/15 Tuesday 7:00 am: + Robert Dach by Mallory & Barbara Miller
9/17 Thursday 7:00 am: + Michelle Crews by Sindy Greenwood
9/18 Friday 7:00 am: + Shirley Skala by Bill & Carol Smetana
9/19 Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm: + Lucille Greener by Monica Mikeska
9/20 Sunday 8:15 am: + Randolph Green by Family

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

9/13 Sunday 10:15: + Deceased Members of John & Regina Marak Family by Cecilia Marak
9/16 Wednesday 5:30: + Dorothy Vaculin by Mary Stanislaw AND + John David Thompson by Leroy & Kathy Vansa
9/20 Sunday 10:15: Catechist Sunday —For Religious Education Teachers & Students by St. Ann's Altar Society

In your charity, please pray for: Homebound: Naomi Green, Leora Hering, Alice Stojanik, Edward Zavodny. Good health: A. J. Stermer, Darwin Bruggman, Bill Stock, Lawrence Stermer, Patrick Geistman, Viola Daskocil, Dorothy Haisler, Evelyn Richter, Rick Mikeska.

Sanctuary Light—September 13—26—In memory of Ed & Lucy Mihatsch by Barbara & Eugene Brenek & family.

Stewardship—September 6—\$1958 Building Fund—\$851 Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming Events:

September 13—Altar Society meeting following mass.

September 15—KC Meeting—7:30 pm.

September 20—St. Joseph Catholic Church—Marlin—Drive Thru Meal and Raffle—Chicken Fajita dinner—\$10/plate—Serving from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm—Drive Thru cake & pie sale and outside raffle (need not be present to win) - Grand Prize \$1000 Visa Gift Card.

September 20—Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill—Annual Bazaar—Drive-thru only—BBQ beef & fried chicken—\$12/plate—Service from 11:00 am—2:00 pm (or until sold out) - Purchase BBQ by the pound in line for \$15/lb.—Sweets also available in line—Raffle—Grand Prize \$1500 Visa.

October 4—St. Matthew Catholic Church Fall Festival—BBQ pulled pork & sausage with all the trimmings—Serving begins at 11:00 am—Raffle drawing for \$5,600 in prizes—Drive Thru Only.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY will be publishing a new cookbook. Please start getting your favorite recipes together and submit them along with your name. There will be a drop box in the church entry for recipes.